

BUDGET SCORING OF THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON H.R. 2378

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise in support of the conference agreement on H.R. 2378, the Treasury and general Government appropriations bill for fiscal year 1998.

This bill provides new budget authority of \$25.4 billion and new outlays of \$22.5 billion to finance operations of the Department of the Treasury, including the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Financial Management Service; as well

as the Executive Office of the President, the Office of Personnel Management, the General Services Administration, and other agencies that perform central Government functions.

I congratulate the chairman and ranking member for producing a bill that is within the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and generally consistent with the bipartisan balanced budget agreement. I also commend the chairman for his strong support of law enforcement, including the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

When outlays from prior-year BA and other adjustments are taken into ac-

count, the bill totals \$25.4 billion in BA and \$25.2 billion in outlays. The total bill is \$2 million below the Senate subcommittee's 302(b) nondefense discretionary allocation for budget authority and outlays. The bill is at the subcommittee's violent crime trust fund allocation for BA and under its allocation for outlays by \$8 million.

Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD a table displaying the Budget Committee scoring of the conference agreement on H.R. 2378.

The table follows:

H.R. 2378, TREASURY-POSTAL APPROPRIATIONS, 1998, SPENDING COMPARISONS—CONFERENCE REPORT

[Fiscal Year 1998, \$ millions]

	Defense	Non-defense	Crime	Mandatory	Total
Conference report:					
Budget authority	12,604	131	12,713	25,448	
Outlays	12,377	118	12,712	25,207	
Senate 302(b) allocation:					
Budget authority	12,606	131	12,713	25,450	
Outlays	12,379	126	12,712	25,217	
President's request:					
Budget authority	12,960	118	12,713	25,791	
Outlays	12,495	105	12,712	25,312	
House-passed bill:					
Budget authority	12,401	97	12,713	25,211	
Outlays	12,170	94	12,712	24,976	
Senate-passed bill:					
Budget authority	12,466	131	12,713	25,310	
Outlays	12,268	112	12,712	25,092	
CONFERENCE REPORT COMPARED TO:					
Senate 302(b) allocation:					
Budget authority	-2			-2	
Outlays	-2	-8		-10	
President's request:					
Budget authority	-356	13		-343	
Outlays	-118	13		-105	
House-passed bill:					
Budget authority	203	34		237	
Outlays	207	24		231	
Senate-passed bill:					
Budget authority	138			138	
Outlays	109	6		115	

Note: Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Totals adjusted for consistency with current scorekeeping conventions. •

FOCUS:HOPE'S "WALK 1997"

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay homage to an organization which is working to help create a better America. On Sunday, October 12, Focus:HOPE will hold its annual walk. This walk raises awareness of the community's needs and reaffirms Focus:HOPE's commitment to metropolitan Detroit.

This year has been very challenging for Focus:HOPE. The organization was struck by a terrible tragedy: the loss of Father Cunningham. His passing was a blow to not only the program he founded, but to the entire Detroit community. The dedication and vigor with which he pursued his goal of creating an environment where all people live in harmony was unsurpassed; his optimism and belief in Detroit was overwhelming; faced with the task before him, his spirit remained undaunted. Truly, he was one man who made a difference. This year Focus:HOPE's spirit was shaken and so too were its foundations. Earlier this year, storms swept through metropolitan Detroit, ravaging the area. A tornado sped through the city and left Focus:HOPE's facilities severely damaged in its wake.

Now, Focus:HOPE is rebuilding. Although a great part of Focus:HOPE is gone, Father Cunningham's vision lives

on. The many volunteers and supporters walking this year represent a renewed commitment. Sunday will be an occasion for the organization to rededicate itself to helping provide every needy individual with the means to succeed. Over the years, Focus:HOPE has flourished and grown into a shining example of what can be accomplished through dedication and hard work. As much as this occasion is a reflection on the past, it is more appropriately a time to contemplate what the future may hold. The 21st century is drawing near and Focus:HOPE stands ready to meet all challenges head-on. I am confident this year's walk will inspire people to follow Father Cunningham's lead and help make the city of Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the entire Nation a better place. •

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, in view of the agreement and the effort that has been made by Senator MACK, Senator GRAMM of Texas, and Senator GRAHAM of Florida, they understand they have perhaps worked this issue out but they want to actually get it written up, and they will have it available tomorrow morning. So we believe we can com-

plete action on the District of Columbia appropriations bill tomorrow.

There will be no further votes this evening. The next vote will occur at approximately 12 noon on Wednesday.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, there is in this country a need for campaign reform. Something could well be done but the approach from the Clinton-Gore administration is in no way a sincere effort. It is a gossamer facade at reform. In reality, it is nothing more than an attempt to divert people's attention from the flagrant abuses of the campaign finance laws already on the books—laws they have broken on a regular basis.

It takes absolute unmitigated gall for President Clinton and Vice President GORE to talk about campaign finance reform when they cannot and